

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Mount Pleasant Inventory Number: CH-298
Address: 10225 Conoy Place City: Faulkner Zip Code: 20632-0002
County: Charles USGS Topographic Map: Popes Creek, MD Quad
Owner: Michael and Judith Gott Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 168 Tax Map Number: 73 Tax Account ID Number: 022106
Project: Glasva Emergency Tower Site - Chas. Co. Govt. Agency: FCC
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Mount Pleasant property also known as the Philpott-Posey house and (mistakenly as Burlain's Hill), is located at the end of Sill Drive south of the rural community of Faulkner in Charles County. The house was designed with a room-behind-room plan, which was common during the late eighteenth century. Some portions of the house date back to between 1770-1790. In 1830, portions of the house were reworked and additions were made. The level of detailing and the integrity of the various periods of changes is profound.

This house is significant both architecturally, as well as historically. The house has associations with several important figures in Maryland's history, including: Mr. Francis Posey (Huguenot immigrant, planter, early Burgess of MD), The Carroll's, The Hon. William Duhurst Merrick (only U.S. Senator from Charles County), and Mr. Adrian Posey, State Senator, owner/editor of the Maryland Independent newspaper, and founder of Bank of Southern Maryland.

The structure and its historic additions are in generally good condition. The property is recommended as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: Kate Mahood,
Architectural Historian

Date Prepared: 6/11/03

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

7/17/03

Date

7/21/03

Date

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Account Identifier: District - 04 Account Number - 022106

Owner Information

Owner Name: GOTT, MICHAEL A & JUDITH M Use: AGRICULTURAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: 10225 CONOY PL Deed Reference: 1) / 3098/ 357
FAULKNER MD 20632-0002 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address Zoning Legal Description
10225 CONOY PL AC 13.76 AC-FMA
FAULKNER 20632 E SI RT 301

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	Plat Ref:
73	4	168						82		42/ 218

Special Tax Areas Town
Ad Valorem
Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1900	3,600 SF	13.76 AC	000000
Stories 2	Basement NO	Type STANDARD UNIT	Exterior FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2003	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003	
Land:	47,390	47,390			PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Improvements:	112,750	135,770			
Total:	160,140	183,160	160,140	167,813	
Preferential Land:	2,390	2,390	2,390	2,390	

Transfer Information

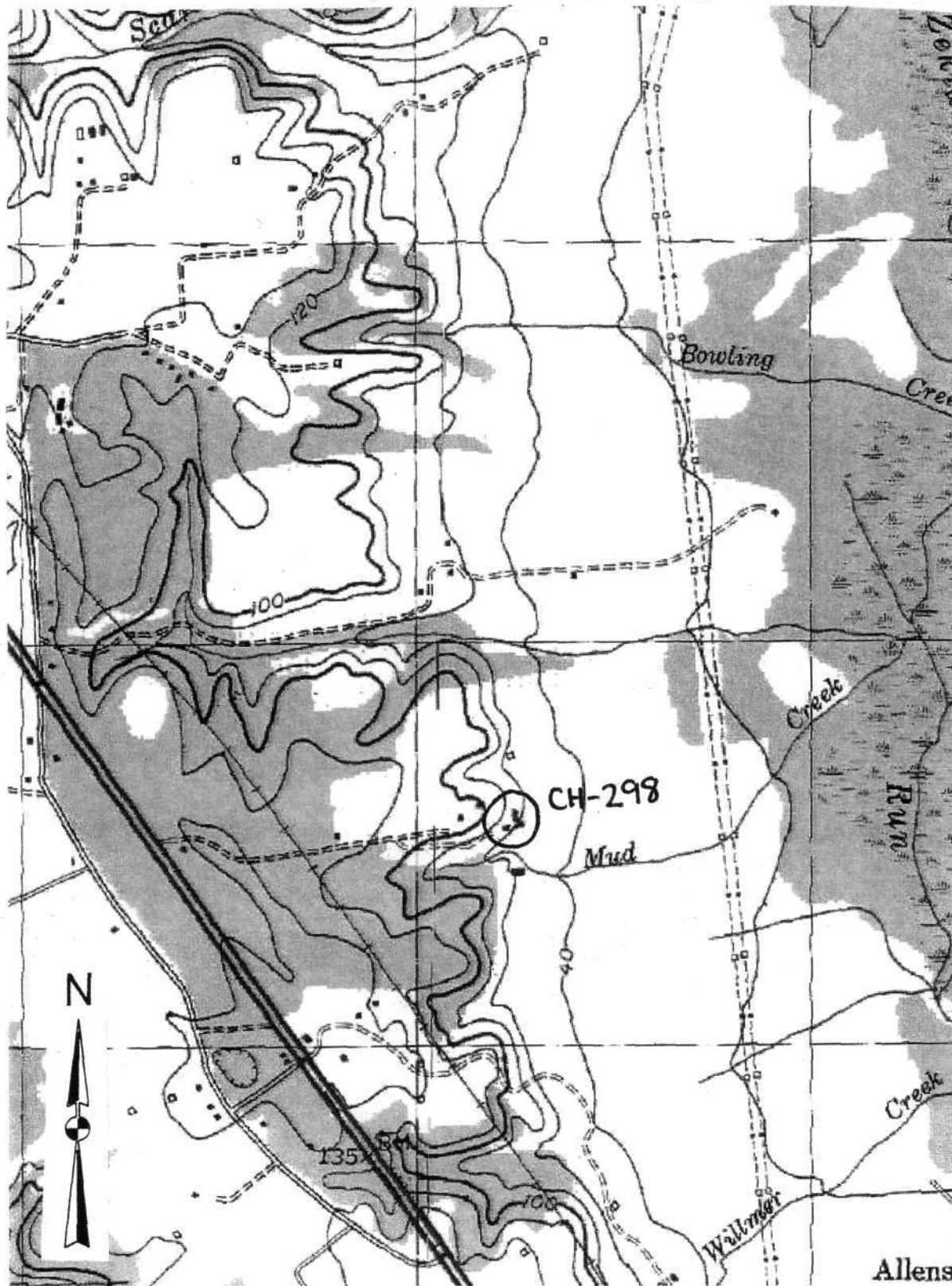
Seller: GOTT, MICHAEL A & JASON A	Date: 12/18/2000	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 3098/ 357	Deed2:
Seller: GOTT, MICHAEL A & JUNE A	Date: 09/28/1998	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 2646/ 362	Deed2:
Seller: WALTHALL, CHARLES L	Date: 10/12/1995	Price: \$200,000
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 2144/ 396	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:
AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX



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CH-298
MT. PLEASANT

Scale
N.T.S.

Date
7/8/03

Design By

Source
USGS DAHLGREN, COLONIAL BEACH
MATHIAS POINT & POPES CREEK QUADRANT

Job No.



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FAULKNER, MD
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MD SHPO
VIEW LOOKING NORTH
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VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST
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MD SHPO
DETAILED MAIN HOUSE LOOKING NORTH
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MD SHPO
GENERAL
~~GRAND~~VIEW LOOKING SOUTH
Photograph # 4 of 5



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MD SHPO
DETAIL LOOKING SOUTH
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Mount Pleasant
Survey No.: CH-298

Property Address 10225 Conoy Place, Faulkner, Charles County
Owner Name/Address Michael and Jason Gott / P.O. Box 61, Faulkner, Maryland 20632
Year Built Circa 1770-1790, Circa 1830, Circa 1850-1860

Description:

Mount Pleasant was previously surveyed by Charles Jenkins Walthal of the Charles County Library in 1996. Since the previous survey there have been no alterations to the house. Though the prior survey form lists five additional structures located on the property (two barns, two sheds and one milk house), only a modern prefabricated shed is currently located on the property's 5.6-hectare (13.76-acre) tract.

National Register Evaluation:

Mount Pleasant is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as a good composite of regional architectural styles. The building's three phases of construction trace the evolution of popular building practices in Charles County from the late-eighteenth century through the first half of the nineteenth century. The earliest portion of the building dates to circa 1770-1790 and possesses a 1½-story, double-pile plan common in Charles County in the second half of the nineteenth century. Interior features date primarily to the second phase of improvement at Mount Pleasant (circa 1830), however some original details remain. The second portion of the building, a kitchen wing, was constructed during the circa 1830 improvements. The final section of Mount Pleasant is good example of the Federal style consisting of a 2½-story 3-bay block with dual interior end chimneys and side-passage, double-parlor plan. The Federal style was a popular building form in Charles County. The house retains a high degree of integrity with large double-hung windows and impressive entrances with rectangular transoms and sidelights.

The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. As no archaeological investigation has been conducted, the eligibility of the property under Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of Mount Pleasant follow the current property lines of 10225 Conoy Place (Tax Map 73 / Parcel 168). This 5.6 hectare (13.76 acre) parcel is bounded on all sides by adjacent parcels. The boundary includes all contributing features of the property including the house, the entrance gates, driveway and surrounding woodland, as well as a non-contributing modern shed.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility ☒ recommended ☐ not recommended
Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
Comments: _____


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

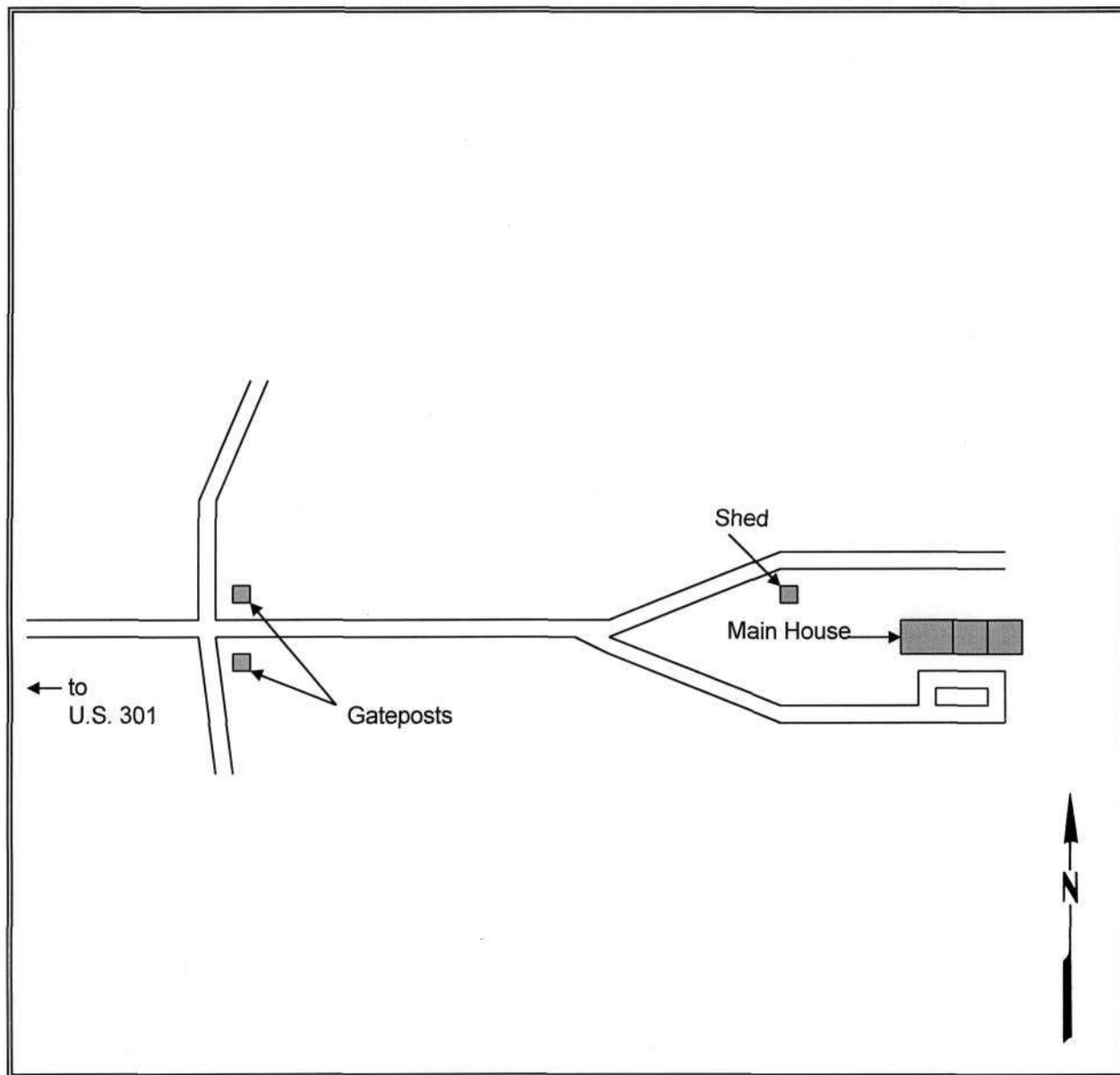
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Reviewer, NR program

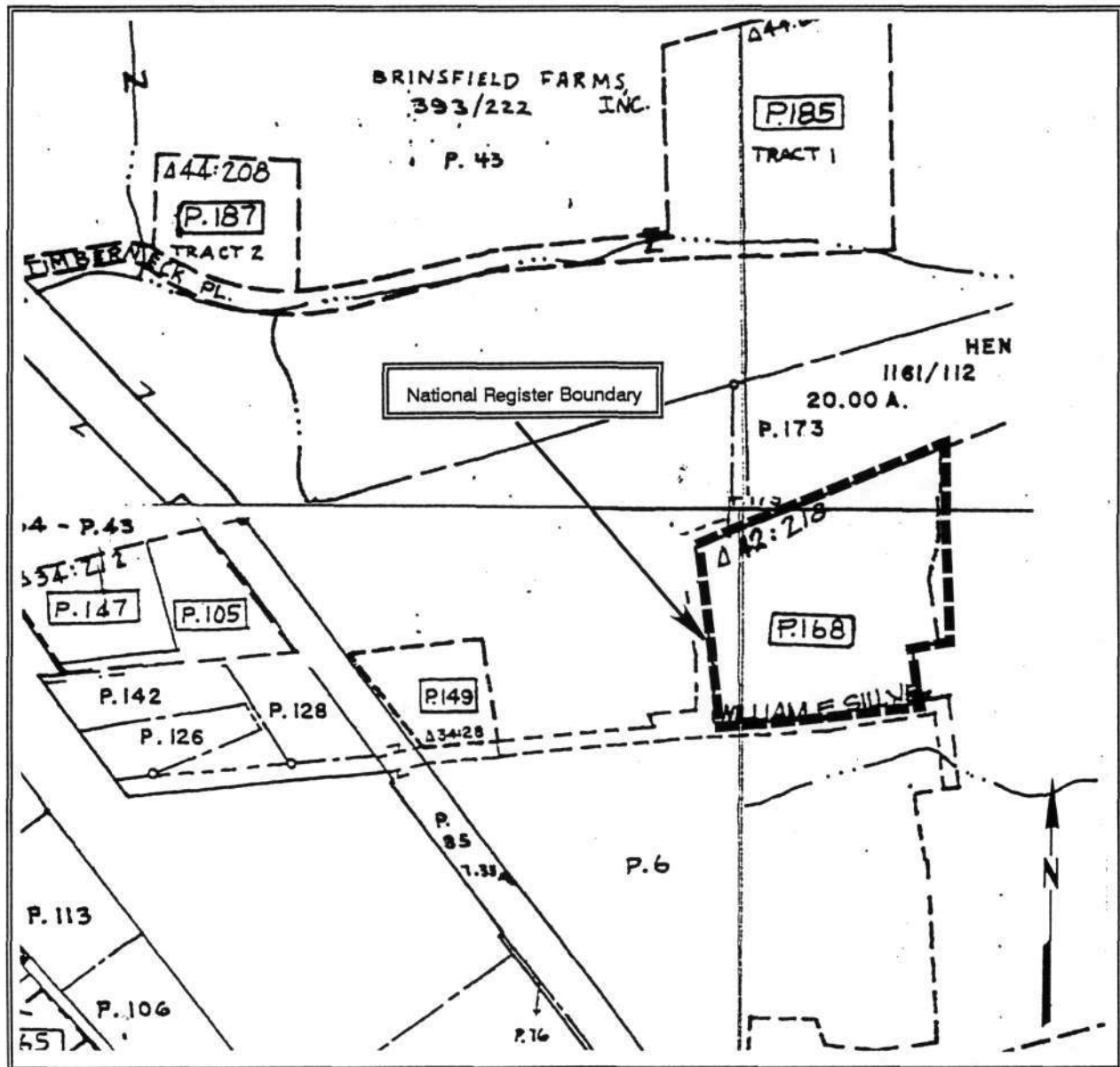
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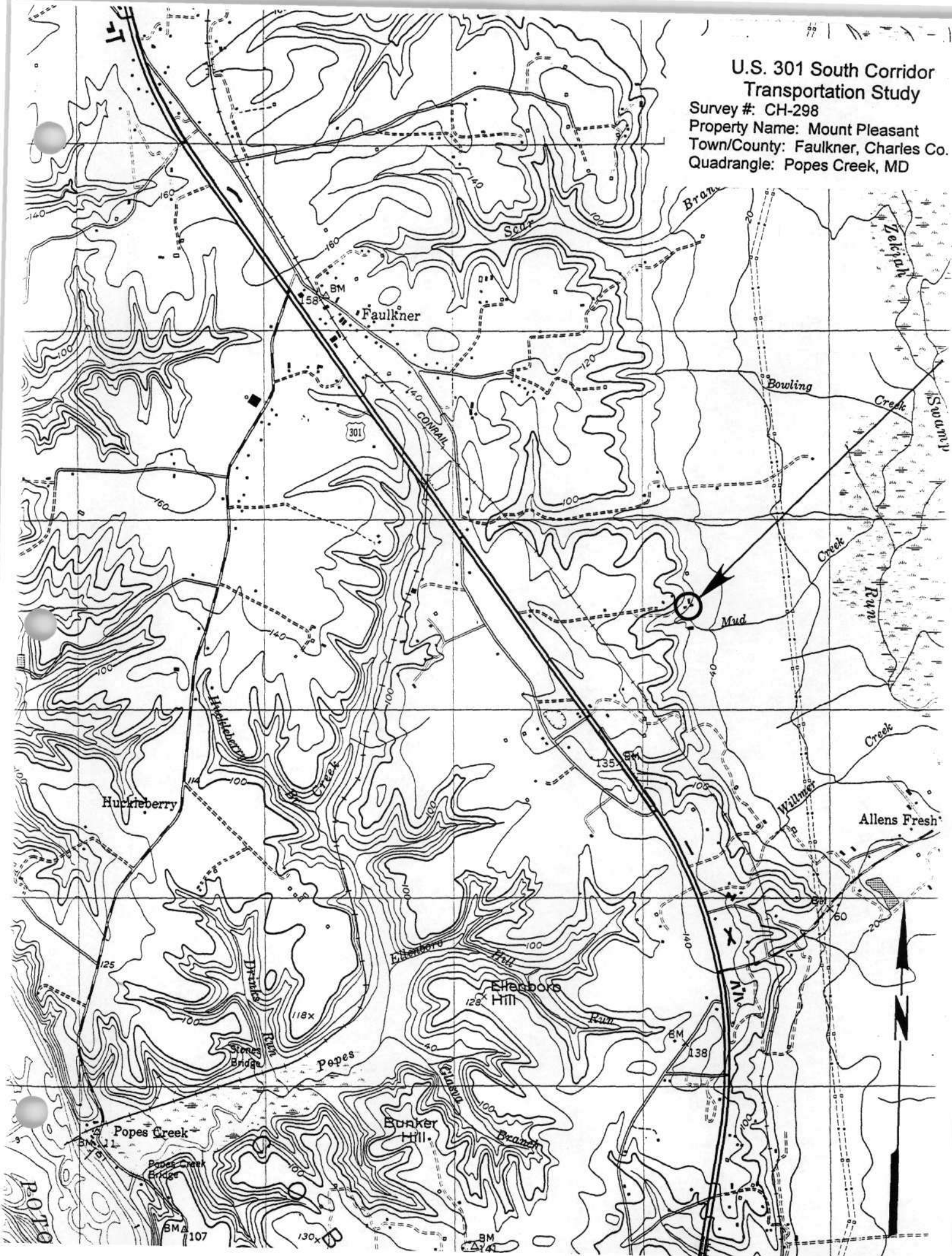
Resource Sketch Map:



National Register Boundary Map:



U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study
Survey #: CH-298
Property Name: Mount Pleasant
Town/County: Faulkner, Charles Co.
Quadrangle: Popes Creek, MD





1) CH-298

2) Mount Pleasant, 10225 Conoy Place

3) Charles Co, MD

4) Tim Tamburrino

5) 1/99

6) MD SHPO

7) House - front elevation - View NE

8) 1 of 6



1) CH - 298

2) Mount Pleasant, 10205 Conroy Place

3) Charles Co, MD

4) Tim Tamburrino

5) 1/99

6) MD SHPO

7) House - NW corner - View SE

8) 2 of 6



1) CH-298

2) Mount Pleasant, 10025 Conroy Place

3) Charles Co, MD

4) Tim Tamburrino

5) 1/99

6) MD SHPD

7) House - SE Corner - View NW

8) 3 & 6



1) CH - 298

2) Mount Pleasant, 10225 Conroy Place

3) Charles Co, MD

4) Tim Tamburrino

5) 1/99

6) MD SHPO

7) House - SE Corner - View NW

8) 4 of 6



1) CH-298

2) Mount Pleasant, 10225 Conoy Place

3) Charles Co., MD

4) Tim Tamburrino

5) 1/99

6) MD SHPD

7) House - Front elevation - View N

8) 5 of 6



1) CH - 298

2) Mount Pleasant, 10225 Conroy Place

3) Charles Co, MD

4) Tim Tamburrino

5) 1/99

6) MD SHPO

7) Modern Shed- View SE

8) 6 of 6

NPS Form 10-800
(Oct. 1980)

OMB No. 10024-0018

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Registration FormThis form may also be used for entering
properties into the Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties and the Maryland Register
of Historic Properties.

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-800a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name MOUNT PLEASANT
 other names/site number CH-298, PHILPOTT-POSEY HOUSE (FALSELY CALLED BURLEAN HALL)

2. Location

street & number 10225 CONROY PLACE ☐ not for publication
 city or town FAULKNER ☒ vicinity
 state MARYLAND code _____ county CHARLES code _____ zip code 20632

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☐ nomination
☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of
 Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property
☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant
☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☐ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional
 comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

- ☐ entered in the National Register.
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined eligible for the
 National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.
☐ determined not eligible for the
 National Register.
☐ removed from the National
 Register.
☐ other, (explain): _____

MOUNT PLEASANT

Name of Property

CH-298

site/inventory number

CHARLES CO, MARYLAND

County and State

5. Classification**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing**Noncontributing**ONE (THREE-PART)

buildings

sites

FIVE (2 TOWARD BARNES,

structures

2 SHEDS, 1 MILK HOUSE)

objects

Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register****6. Function or Use****Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC / SINGLE DWELLING**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC / SINGLE DWELLING**7. Description****Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

COLONIALFEDERAL VERNACULAR, TELESCOPICMID 19TH CENTURY- GREEK REVIVAL**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICKwalls (BRICKS & BATTEN) CLAPBOARD,
(RIVEN CLAPBOARD)roof SHINGLES (COVERED WITH TIN)

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

PLACE NARRATIVE ON CONTINUATION SHEETS

add light to the front room. Incorporated in the plan of the new wing was a short hall, lighted by a single north window, which provided access to the kitchen and an adjacent pantry.

The kitchen wing is a timber frame structure erected with brick nogging, a construction feature common to buildings in Charles County that date to the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The floor joists under the house, like replacement joists used in the eighteenth century section, were adzed on only one side, and the remaining surfaces of the ~~logs~~ were left in the round with their natural bark surface intact. The new kitchen wing included a cooking fireplace and an enclosed ladder-like stair that provided access to a bedroom originally segregated from the other portions of the house. A small, low doorway was inserted at the head of the stair to join the second floor spaces, but this alteration was probably not done until the late nineteenth century. It is very likely that the kitchen bedroom was occupied by house slaves. Reused on the second floor of the kitchen is a portion of feather-edged board paneling cut down for use as a door, and spade-shaped latch plates (without handle and latch) remain fixed with wrought nails.

The most dramatic alteration of the house occurred during the mid-nineteenth century with the construction of the two-and-a-half story, three-bay addition. Estimated to date between 1850 and 1860, the side hall/double-pile main block repeats an architectural form that is common in Charles County as well as across Maryland. Examples date as early as the 1750s and as late as the third quarter of the nineteenth century.

The interior finishes of this section, with clear Greek Revival influence as well as the beginnings of Victorian moldings, clearly place its construction around 1850. The plain Greek Revival design of the mantels, and especially the mahogany staircase with its boldly shaped newel post and turned balusters are features that support this date. The stringer decoration that embellishes the side of the staircase includes a bold scroll design typical of mid-to-late nineteenth century stair construction. In a few places along the stair stringer there is a more delicate up-side-down wave molding of Greek Revival design.

The double parlors are fitted with a mixture of woodwork including late Federal style flat-panel doors framed by ogee-molded surrounds. A large door opening between rooms is fitted with long, folding double doors. When open the two rooms consolidate into one very large space handy for entertaining large groups. The fireplaces in each room are fitted with Greek Revival mantels embellished with diamonds and spades.

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Charles County, Maryland

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The second floor is divided in a normal manner for side hall/double-pile dwellings with an additional room partitioned at the front of the hallway. This space was often used as an additional bedroom or for storage. The two bedrooms are fitted with consistent Greek Revival mantels (with diamonds and hearts) and moldings that repeat in a less elaborate fashion, the woodwork found on the first floor. The open stair continues to a finished third floor, where a small movable panel in the ceiling provides access to the unfinished attic.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS

Mount Pleasant, also known as the Philpott-Posey house and incorrectly as Burlain's Hill, is a three-part frame structure that stands at the end of Sill Drive, south of the rural community of Faulkner, Charles County, Maryland. Built in three distinct stages, the dwelling is comprised of a two-and-a-half story, side hall/double pile main block which is extended eastward by a story-and-a-half, two-part dining room and kitchen wing.

The oldest portion of the house is the story-and-a-half, two-bay, timber frame section located in the center of the three-part dwelling, currently used as a dining room. While the surface decoration of this section (moldings, doors, and mantel) dates primarily from the second quarter of the nineteenth century (c.1830), the timber frame along with reused feather-edged paneling and wrought-iron hinges and door latches date to the mid-to-late eighteenth century. An exact date for this portion of the house is difficult to determine due to the extensive remodeling, but wrought nails found in the framing members, riven siding covered by the main block, and surviving wrought iron hardware point to a date of circa 1770-1790. Very limited evidence suggests the remote possibility of a date as early as 1750.

The eighteenth century story-and-a-half frame house was built with a room-behind-room plan, a room disposition that was common to Charles County during the second half of the eighteenth century. According to survey research accomplished during the past quarter century, twenty-six examples of this house type have been found in Charles County; others exist in neighboring St. Mary's and Calvert counties. The oldest known example of this two-room plan house form is Maidstone in Calvert County, dated by dendrochronology to 1751.

Around 1830, the story-and-a-half house was reworked significantly with the repositioning of a principal partition, relocation of the stair, replacement of all interior moldings; and the addition of front and rear dormers to light the loft. Probably at the same time, in concert with the remodeling of the eighteenth century house, a story-and-a-half kitchen wing was built against the east gable end with a new gable roof partially encapsulating the gable end chimney of the older section. In rethinking how the enlarged house would function, the owner decided to move the middle partition in the eighteenth-century section back several feet, which enlarged the front room and reduced the back room to a rear passage. At that time a window was added to the interior partition in order to allow for cross ventilation. The window also served to

NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The three-part telescopic house called Burlean Hall, located about one mile south of Faulkner, Maryland, sits high atop a hill overlooking Zekiah Swamp and Allen's Fresh. This area was first settled by Algonquin-speaking Indians and a Werowance or chieftain's village was located nearby on the east bank of Wicomico River. Another Indian village and later Zekiah Indian Fort were also located in Zekiah Swamp.

Zekiah Manor of 6,000 acres was patented to the second Lord Baltimore, Cecilius Calvert, in 1667. From that date until the American Revolution, all lands in this area were designated as part of the proprietary manor of Zekiah and assessed rents which were paid to the Lord Baltimore. His son Charles Calvert, constructed a house on Zekiah Manor and in 1673 proposed moving from Mattapony to Zekiah for greater security.

Some historians allege that the first Charles County courthouse was located in the Zekiah area perhaps near Allen's Fresh. Zekiah Swamp is most remembered today as part of the escape route of John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin.

Appropriately, the first European settlers on this land called it by an Indian name. Thus in 1650, Benjamin Gill sold to Francis Posey and John Belaine 2,000 acres called "Rakopakobe". This name may mean "the body of water where the racoons are" and may have been an Indian name for Allen's Fresh. This 2,000 acre tract seems to have been comprised of 1,000 acres: Gill's Land, surveyed in 1649 for Benjamin Gill; 700 acres, Arthur's Hope, patented in 1649 to Francis Posey and John Belaine; and 300 acres, Burlain's Hill, surveyed 1654 and patented 1659 to Richard Trew, who assigned it to John Belaine the same year.

The south bound of Arthur's Hope was Posey's Creek, still indicated on current maps as Allen's Fresh, and the east bound was Burlaine's Fresh. The latter appears to have been the original name for Allen's Fresh, named after John Allen who in 1672 patented land and erected a grist mill there.

Francis Posey was presumably a Huguenot from England. He served as a member of the Maryland Legislative Assembly. He died in 1654 and his patents were sold or allowed to lapse. John Belaine bought Burlain's Hill back from Richard Trew and it passed to his son Nicholas, who gave part of it to his half brother John Posey, son of Francis. John Posey's 100 acre part of Burlean Hill became the nucleus of Laurel Grove/Timber Neck. Nicholas Belaine's 200 acres became the nucleus of Burlings Hills and Plains (owned by Dr. Gerard Wood, surgeon's mate to James Craik, a physician to General Washington) and Fertility Hall farm (owned by the Bowling Storage Site).

family), both of which are now part of the PEPCO Faulkner Ash

In 1658 James Walker was assigned 200 acres called Walker's Run, on which the house called Burlean Hall is situated. This tract lay between Burlain's Hill and Posey's Creek, hence must have been part of Arthur's Hope (and Rakopakobe?) which were by then disclaimed. In that same year Charles County was carved out of St. Mary's County and James Walker was appointed one of its first four commissioners.

Less than a year later, Walker's Run was sold to Edward Swan, who was appointed county constable and coroner. Swan was the first to build a house and actually live on the tract. It is highly unlikely, however, that that particular house is still standing as part of Burlean Hall, but the site may be the same.

Edward Swan sold in 1669 to William Ward, who later sold part of Walker's Run and the rest became escheat (i.e., reverted back to the state), when he died without heirs. In 1714, Edward Philpott bought part of Walker's Run and in 1715 was granted the other escheat part, thereby reuniting the two parts.

In the margin of the deed to another tract in 1748, John Philpott describes a house on the land patented in 1715 to his father Edward. That description closely fits the dimensions of Burlean Hall's center section and appears to be the same house. Since the note mentions a ten year old tobacco house, implying the dwelling was older still, hence built prior to 1738, I would assign the house a date of c. 1730 or earlier.

A conservative architectural historian, Paul Touart, has dated it as c. 1770-1790 with the remote possibility of 1750. His estimate was based solely on an examination of the house, which has been remodelled several times. Touart's date of 1750 certainly accommodates the 1748 description and 1730 is not that much more remote.

From Edward Philpott, the house on Walker's Run passed down three generations to his son Charles, to Charles' son John, and then to John's sons David and John. John, Jr. sold his half in 1777 to his brother David and moved to Virginia. In 1778 David sold the north half to his cousin Benjamin Philpott, which passed to his wife and became known as Mrs. Philpott's Plantation.

In 1778, David Philpott also moved to Virginia, having sold the south half to Clare Slye, who left it to her daughter Jane. Jane Slye married Charles Carroll, the grandson of Daniel Carroll of Duddington, whose manor comprised 1,800 acres of the District of Columbia, including most of Capitol Hill.

Charles Carroll settled in Hagerstown at Belle Vue and later moved to Dumbarton House in Georgetown. He is alleged to have aided his close friend Dolly Madison flee the burning White House. He later moved to the western frontier of New York state and was co-founder of the city of Rochester.

The Carrolls sold the tract, which included Walker's Run, in 1789 to Belain Posey, who was a descendant of the land's first owner Francis Posey. Belain served as a captain during the American Revolution and later attained the rank of colonel in the Maryland militia.

Col. Posey married Margaret Corry, a Catholic, hence all subsequent issue of this line were raised Catholic. The Poseys resided in a house built c. 1780, known in the nineteenth century as Laurel Grove but since 1970 as Timber Neck. That house is located on John Posey's part of Burlain's Hill.

Col. Posey's estate was divided in 1802 and Margaret received the southern portion, Lot 2, the Widow's Dower, which included the land purchased from Jane Slye and Charles Carroll. Margaret moved into Burlean Hall, named the farm Mount Pleasant (from her initials M.P.) and presumably added the kitchen wing and remodelled the house at that time. Tradition alleges that Margaret Posey, dressed in mourning attire, haunts the house -- still mistress-in-charge.

Margaret survived her son Laurence who lived in Laurel Grove. When she died in 1841, the entire estate went by law to Laurence Posey's heirs and was divided into two lots. Lot 2, 299 acres, which included the Widow's Dower and Mrs. Philpott's Plantation, was thereafter called Mount Pleasant Farm.

In 1845, Laurence Posey, Jr. sold for five dollars [i.e., gavel] "one fourth part" of Lot 2 [probably including the house] to his cousin Washington A. Posey, the grandson and executor of Margaret. It is unclear whether 202 acres, the remainder of Lot 2, or the entire 299 acres was sold at auction to William D. Merrick in the same year. Both acreages are mentioned in that transaction, but the 202 were more likely intended.

Merrick was the only U.S. Senator from Charles County and allegedly cast the deciding vote admitting Texas into the union. In addition to Mount Pleasant, he owned most of the lands from Burlain's Hill to Posey's Creek, where he held a 711 acre farm called Glasvar, comprised of tracts previously held by the Philpott family.

Senator Merrick assigned Mount Pleasant to John H. Burroughs in 1848. In 1851, Burroughs sued Joseph Stone for a debt owed him, forcing the sale of Mount Pleasant, which somehow had become MOUNT

Stone's possession. In 1852, it was auctioned and sold to the highest bidder Washington A. Posey.

In February of 1854, W.A. Posey advertised for "a carpenter for the remainder of the year - Allen's Fresh", which is probably when the largest section was added and the house remodelled again. Washington Posey was one of the wealthier farmers in Charles County and also owned and operated the mill at Allen's Fresh.

In 1883, he gave a lavish all night party at Mount Pleasant, which was described as an "old-fashioned Southern mansion" with brilliantly lighted and spacious halls and parlors filled with "evidences of the halcyon days of the good old times of long ago."

Posey's son Adrian married the "belle of the party," Mary Agnes Howard, a descendant of Gen. John Eager Howard and Francis Scott Key. The Poseys built and resided at the Maples in La Plata. Adrian's brother Dr. Cataldus H. Posey and his family were the Poseys to live at Mount Pleasant.

Adrian Posey owned and edited the Maryland Independent newspaper from 1882. He was elected a state senator in 1890 and 1892 and Charles County State's Attorney, 1896-1900. Senator Posey was founder and first president of Charles County's first bank, the Southern Maryland National Bank. He also led the controversial initiative to move the county seat from Port Tobacco to La Plata.

Adrian's widow, Mary Agnes Posey left the house to her daughter Inez. She was the wife of Julian Gillespie, the commercial attache to the U.S. Embassy in Istanbul, Turkey. Mrs. Gillespie dreamed of restoring the house and coming back there to live but after her husband's death sold the property out of the family in 1942.

Earl and Jacqueline Hindle bought the house in 1950 and restored it. Dr. William Sill bought it in 1959 from the Hindles. Capitalizing on their efforts, he placed the house on the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage in 1960. Thereafter he lost interest in the house and it fell into neglect. In 1992, his will stipulated that his housekeeper "shall have the right to live in the main house on said property as long as she properly cares for and maintains the house and my two dogs, 'Sweetheart' and 'Trouble, Sr.', until their death". Thus the house literally went to the dogs!

Burlean Hall is currently under contract to a couple who plan to operate it as an exclusive country inn.

Almost everything previously said about Burlean Hall turns out to be myth. Long said to have been built in 1654 or 1665 by John and Benjamin Posey on Burlain's Hill, hence called Burlean Hall, it

is now known that it was not located on Burlain's Hill at all, hence seems inappropriately named. Out of convenience I have used the name Burlean Hall in the above discussion, but for the future I propose the less pretentious but more accurate title of the Philpott-Posey house built c. 1730 on Walker's Run, patented in 1658. But since Walker's Run was originally part of Arthur's Hope (1649) and Rakopakobe (1650), both patented to Francis Posey and John Belaine, Burlean Hall is not altogether inappropriate.

SIGNIFICANT OWNERS:

1. Francis Posey (1615-1654), Huguenot immigrant, planter, early Burgess of Maryland.
2. James Walker (c.1618-1670+), one of first four county commissioners. Property named "Walker's Run", Pat. 1658 (same year Charles County was formed).
3. Edward Philpott II (c.1660-1718), owned house on this land with same dimensions as middle section of existing house.
4. Major Charles Carroll of Bellevue, grandson of Daniel Carroll of Duddington (owner of Capitol Hill, DC) and a co-founder of Rochester, New York.
5. Colonel Belain Posey (1737-1791), served in American Revolution.
6. Margaret Corry Posey (1756-1841), widow of Col. Belain Posey. First Catholic in the family; one of few single women plantation owners. The farm was named "Mount Pleasant", using her initials.
7. Hon. William Duhurst Merrick (1795-1857), only U.S. Senator from Charles County.
8. Washington Adrian Posey (1816-1892), one of Charles County's wealthier farmers, built largest addition.
9. Adrian Posey (1857-1922), State Senator; founder of Bank of Southern Maryland; editor of "Maryland Independent" newspaper; led the controversial initiative to move the Charles County seat from Port Tobacco to La Plata.

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10. Geographical Data

Acres of Property 13.76

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	Zone	Easting	Northing
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Zone Easting Northing

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☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Continuation Sheets

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A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

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(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☒ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☒ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE - LARGE TOBACCO PLANTATION
POLITICS/GOVERNMENT - OWNED BY SEVERAL PROMINENT
LOCAL, STATE & U.S. POLITICIANS - NEAR 1ST CO COURT
HOUSE
MILITARY - AMC. REV. WAR COLONEL
ARCHITECTURE - ONE OF OLDEST & FINEST SURVIVING
"COLONIAL FRAME HOUSES IN MD"
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE - MONUMENTAL BURNING GARDENS
ARCHAEOLOGY, PREHISTORIC, ABORIGINAL - SITE OF EARLY
SETTLEMENT & BURIAL GROUND

Period of Significance

1650, 1658, 1665-1730,
1789-1841, 1845-1855

Significant Dates

1650 & 1658 FIRST LAND GRANTS
1665-1730 OLDEST SECTION CONSTRUCTED
1845-1855 LARGEST & FINAL SECTION COMPLETED

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

POSEY, ADRIAN (1857-1922)

Cultural Affiliation

DISCATAWAY/COUNTY/ZERIAH


Architect/Builder

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☒ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☒ University
- ☐ Other

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1. STATE <u>MD.</u> COUNTY <u>Chas.</u> TOWN _____ VICINITY <u>Faulkner</u> STREET NO. <u>E. SIDE 301</u> ORIGINAL OWNER <u>N. + BENJ. POSEY - 1654</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>DR. WM. E. SILL</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwelling</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>frame</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>1 1/2 - 2 1/2</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME <u>BURLEIGH HALL</u> <u>(KILMAROCK)</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>17th, 18th, 19th.</u> STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____ 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____	
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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior		6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	
7. PHOTOGRAPH		8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <u>DATA - W.E.S. M.H.T. FILE</u>	
9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>DR + WM. E. SILL</u> <u>9/70</u> DATE OF RECORD		10.	